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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2003, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

In the Claims

17. (Twice Amended) A method comprising:  
configuring a flat-panel display from an array of display elements, each of the display elements having a front surface that emits light and a back surface that does not substantially emit light;  
fastening straps to the back surfaces of adjacent display elements across seams between the adjacent display elements; and  
redistributing a stress placed on a front surface of the flat-panel display to said straps.

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